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THREE CENTS.

BOREAS ON A BENDER.

Destructive Cyclones Sweep Over Various Sections of the Country,

Causing Great Damage to Property and Loss of Life.

One Indiana Town Completely Wiped Out of Existence-Every House But Three Blown Down.

Names of the Killed and Wounded as Far as Ascertained.

MUNCIS, IND., April 2 .- A destructive cyclone struck this county at about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, completely wiping Oakville, seven miles south of here, on the Fort Wayne, Cincinnati and Louisville railroad, out of existence and doing great damage to life and property. At about 5 e'clock a heavy black cloud came driving from the west and another from the north. The clouds met at the house of Tevis Cochrane, two miles west of Oakville, lifted it from its foundation and tearing it into kindling wood, deposited it over a distance of two miles and a half. A minute later it struck Oakville, carrying death and destruction in its track. Of thirty houses in 'Oakville all but three were torn down. Four persons were killed outright in Oakville and the fifth died this morning. James Sanders two miles west of right in Oakville and the fifth died this morning. Sames Sanders, two miles west of Oakville, was also killed, making six killed in all. Fifty are reported wounded. A large warehouse and sawmill adjoining are in ruins, and the scene is a chaos of rubbish, of whose ownership it is impossible to tell. Anna Dearborn (an old lady), two sons of Col. Johnson, and James Sanders are among the killed. Christian Swain lost everything and had his house blown from over his head, but escaped uninjured. A new house belonging to L. Haley was removed entirely from its foundations. The path of the cyclone was about a quarter of a mile wide, and everything in its track was destoyed.

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The following were killed at Oakville: Mrs. Anna Dearmond, a widow, aged 50; Susan Hiles, aged 15. When discovered she was in an almost nude condition, her clothing having been literally blown from her person. A babe of C. C. Johnson. It was found in a field 150 yards from where the house stood. Its head was crushed. A babe of Charles Brown.

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The injured are Turner Johnson' aged 12, sen of C. C. Johnson. He was blown twenty rods and his skull was crushed. He will probably die. Nancy Myers, 60 years old, arm broken; Lemmie Myers, aged 13, arm broken; John Hoffman and wife, both badly bruised on the head and otherwise injured; Jeff Hower, engineer at the saw mill, leg broken in two places and injurned internally and will probably die; Jeff Miller, hip dislocated; Mrs. Jeff Miller, badly bruised; Fred. Coldstock, of Shelbyville, three ribs broken; Mrs. Himer, a widow, badly cut on shoulder. Fifteen others were more or less injured. Al Fifteen others were more or less injured. All who are seriously injured are mentioned

above.

Among the houses smashed was that of John Sullivan, in which were himself, his wife, and six children, the youngest child being a babe two weeks old. Most miraculously none of the family were injured in the least. The babe was found in bed covered with debris, but unscratched.

Columbus, Ohio, April 2.—Intelligence was received here this morning that a destructive windstorm passed over Reynoldsburg, ten miles east of Columbus, in a south-assteriy direction, last night. Several houses

sasterly direction, last night. Several houses and barns and bridges were blown down, and a still greater number unroofed. Fences and fruit trees were laid waste, and five miles of telegraph poles along the National road were torn down. So far as learned no person was seriously injured, though some stock was killed. The effect of the cyclone was not felt in Columbus, except in a heavy hail and

CINCINNATI, April 2 .- At Dublin, Franklin county, Ohio, a town of about 300 inhabitants the Christian church was unroofed. Severa barns and outhouses were removed from their foundations, and some were carried a great fistance. The farm house of Philip Wolf, three miles cast, was completely demolished.
The family were caught in the ruins, but were afterward rescued with slight injuries. A considerable amount of stock was killed by falling barns, but no was killed by falling barns, but no estimate of the damage can be made as distant rarts of the county have not been heard from. The direction of the storm was from the northeast and the range extensive Near Jaysville, twelve barns were destroyed four horses were killed, and three persons were badly hurt. At Mechanicsburg, Ohio, many trees were blown down and several buildings were unroofed and upturned. The cyclone came from the northwest.

From Urbana, Ohio, it is reported that the

storm did the greatest damage in the vicin ity of Mutual and Bowlersville, the track being a third of a mile wide. The destruc-tion of timber was heavy. Large trees were torn from the ground by the roots. No lives are reported lost.

CINCINNATI, April 2.—Reports from east-ern Indiana and western Ohio say that the storm of last night was very severe. The wind blew a hurricane, prostrating fences and telegraph lines, and communication is badly interrupted. Near Greenville the storm was also very severe, and houses, barns, and trees were blown down. No lives are reported to have been los.

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PITTSBURG, PA., April 2.—A terrific wind storm, accompanied by thunder, lightning, and hall, passed over this city at 10 o'clock this morning, doing considerable damage to property and injuring a number of persons. The new wire mill of Oliver & Roberts, a large sheet iron structure, on Ninth *treet, south side. was blown down, and two workmen, William Lacy and James Donohue, were seriously injured. Lacy was hurt internally and will probably die. were seriously injured. Lacy was hurt internally and will probably die.

A frame house on Twenty-eighth street, not yet completed, was also demolished, but no one was hurt. A carpenter named Robwho was erecting the scaffold on which Ged Jones will be executed to-morrow, was struck by a beam and quite seriously hurt. A number of other persons were in-

Jured by falling chimneys and signs,
A special dispatch from Petrolia reports
great damage from a storm there about 10:30

a. m. New York, April 2.—A Columbia (S. C.) special says: A fearful hurricane has pre-vailed here since 6 a. m. Trees were uprooted, miles of feneing leveled, gardens destroyed, windows demolished, and outhouses blown down throughout the city. The fron roof of the state house, that cost \$5,000, has been blown off. The Palmetto monuments greatly damaged. It is reported that a village in Lexington county has been completely de-stroyed, and several persons injured.

TORONTO, ONT., April 2.—About six inches of snow fell throughout Ontario last night. A somewhat phenomenal storm took place at London. A cool east wind prevailed all day, when about 8 o'clock a driving blinding snow storm set in, accompanied by loud thunder and remarkably vivid lightning. The storm lasted all the evening, the lightning continu-ing to gleam at intervals and the snow ac-

ing to gream at intervals and the snow accumulating at a rapid rate.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., April 2.—A cyclone, 100 yards wide, passed thirty miles below this city last night, going in a northeasterly direction. Two members of Col. Tatum's family were killed and five other deaths are are reported, but the names have not been learned. Trees on the mountain were torn up by the roots. Several trees were blown the track of the Alabama Great

thrown from the rails by the obstructions. Fireman Ed. Brown was killed, and Engineer Mike Frowley was injured.

NEW ORLEANS, April 2.—A dispatch to the Times-Democrat from Huntaville, Ala., says: A destructive cyclone passed through the southern portion of this county last night, greatly damaging timber and fencing. The house of a family named White was completely blown away. Mrs. White and her mother-in-law were killed. A baby was carried several miles and deposited in the woods where it was found alive this morning. A man named Glover had both shoulders broken, and other persons sustained injuries more or less serious.

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HARTFORD, April 2.—One of the heaviest snowfails of the winter began here early this morning, and has continued up to midnight. About a foot of snow has fallen and is malting smaller smaller.

is melting rapidly. A FEELING OF RELIEF.

Cincinnati Quieting Down, the Barricades Being Removed, and the Troops Going Home-The Revised List Shows

Forty-five Dead and 138 Wounded. CINCINNATI, April 2.- The relief experienced by the removal of the anxiety which has rested so heavily upon the city since Friday night can hardly be described. The citizens are unanimous in wanting no more mobs, and yet they are not convinced that the original purpose of this mob was not a righteous one. The failure to accomplish the original purpose on Friday night practically ended the exertions of the men engaged in the attack on the jail, and the subsequent disgraceful proceedings were the natural outgrowth of the departure from the observance of law and order. Policemen, and even militiamen, are looked upon as conservators of the law, and although the purpose of the original mob failed, there is a feeling that its influence will be felt. The judges are arranging to make more speedy work in the trial influence will be felt. The judges are arranging to make more speedy work in the trial of criminals. The commissioners have not yet found rooms in which to hold the courts, and there is talk of building a temporary structure on the jail lot, so as to be near where the criminals are kept. It is not thought to be prudent to have to traverse much space in taking prisoners to and from the court room. A heavy rain storm, accompanied by thunder, last night served to keep everybody off the streets. Some excitement was cause about midnight by two shots of a revolver fired by a man running down Vine street, near Fourth. It was thought at first to be a signal, but the man was speedlily captured, when it was ascertained that he was trying to stop a street car, and speedly captured, when it was ascertained that he was trying to stop a street car, and falling to do so had fired at it. At the Grand Opera house last night a panic was barely averted by the presence of mind of the actors. Some one in the audience raised theory of fire, and instantly everybody was on their feet. and instantly everybody was on their feet. The actors assured the people that there was no cause for alarm, and quiet was restored. Every unusual sound is noted now since the

experience of the past few nights.
One of the most encouraging outward signs of the supremacy of order has just appeared in the removal of the barricades in the streets. in the removal of the barricades in the streets about the court house. At noon the first street cars of the Mount Auburn line were permitted to pass through, after having been shut out since 9:30 o'clock Saturday night. A few soldiers are still pacing the sidewalks around the court house for the purpose of preventing venturesome persons from entering the dangerous structure. The entire military force will be withdrawn to-day, except the 17th regiment, which will remain on duty until further orders. The latest revised list of the dead and wounded places the dead at 45 and the wounded at 138.

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Court streets are opened to the public the
barricades in front of the jail and on Sycamore street are still in position. These cause
comparatively little interruption to business,
and they make it impossible for a crowd to
press closely on the jail. At the burial yesterday of Adolph Meinking, one of the men
killed Saturday night, his father fainted at
the grave. He was carried home in an unconscious condition and died before moraing.
To-night the barricades are all gone and
the militia are simply patrolling the sidewalks around the jail and court house. They
are not molested, not even taunted, as they
were on Sunday when behind the barricades.
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The conduct of the 4th regiment appears in a worse light the more it is known.
Col. Hunt, of the 1st regiment, makes a vigorous protest against the charges that his troops fired recklessly and without orders. He says in the most trying situations they behaved like veterans. He corroborates Capt. Foellger's statement that the first firing was beinger's statement that the first firing was by the direct order of Sheriff Hawkins, and adds that Capt. Foeliger ordered the men to shoot high. He says the marks on the walls show it. Several of the troops were hit by missiles and some were shot. All firing by the troops on Friday night was by direct order of the sheriff. To have disobeyed or refused to go into the jail would have been cowardies and would have subjected the were cowardice, and would have subjected the mer to severe penalties. The colonel says the men were persecuted and threatened with having their houses burned and being dis-

charged from their places of employment. He thinks the regiment will disband. COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 2.—Gov. Headly, in a message to the general assembly to-day, recommended a provision by law for the offer of an adequate reward for the arres and conviction of the murderer of Capt. John J. Desmond, of company B, 1st regiment, State Guard, killed the evening of March 28, in Cincinnati, while in the discharge of his duty and in the service of the state. He also recommends the prepriety of making prevision for the rethe propriety of making provision for the relief of Desmond's aged mother from the pecuniary loss entailed by the death of her son, he being her support. A bill passed the senate to allow all militia-

men injured or prostrated by sickness while in the service of the state at Cincinnati 120 days' time, at \$2 per day. A bill was introduced in the senate pro-

viding that citizens may recovor from the state damages for the destruction of their property by a riotous assemblage. The bill looks to making good the losses sustained by the citizens of Cincinnati.

England's Dead Prince.

LONDON, April 3 .- The remains of the Duke of Albany arrived at Cherbourg last evening, and were placed on board the English royal yacht Osborne. A detachment of French infantry and marines presented arms while the coffin was being transferred to the steamer. The yacht afterward sailed to the steam for England.

BEBLIN, April 2.—The Crown Prince Frederick William started for London to-day, where he will assist at the funeral of Prince

Emperor William is suffering from hoarse-MONTREAL, April 2 .- Some of the city volunteer regiments will wear mourning for the late Prince Leopold.

Disastrous Fire in London.

LONDON, April 2 .- A fierce fire is raging in Paternoster row. Many of the publishing houses are threatened. The Religious Tract society's building and the building adjacent

are burning.

London, April 3.—The fire raged for four hours. Twenty-four engines were called into service. About a dozen houses, mostly bookbinding and publishing establishments, were gutted. An American fire ladder was used by the firemen and proved of great service.

Bour bon Appointers in Difficulty.

HARBISONBURG, VA., April 2.-Col. Martz. the newly-appointed registrar, demanded the books to-day of Registrar Fletcher and was refused. The board of supervisors for this county will not recognize any of the ap-pointees, claiming the law unconstitutional, and will not allow pay for the new judges, Southern railway, and the night express was clerks, or registrars.

REPUBLICAN SUCCESS.

A Large Gain in Minneapolis-Increased Strength Shown in Other Places.

Mr. Hendricks on the Recent Riots-Judge Field Not a Candidate.

Frecial Disputch.
BRUNSWICK, GA., April 2.—The republican convention of the first congressional district met here to-day to select delegates to the national convention. The faction led by Collector of Customs Johnson, of Savannah, bolted and attempted to organize a separate convention in the rear part of the same hall, but a riot being threatened the mayor of the city excluded the Johnson faction, after which the regular convention proceeded harmoniously to transact its business. Col. A. N. Wilson and James Blue were chosen delegates. Both are friends of President Arthur. This is a defeat of the Jack Brown-Johnson faction.

En Associated Press.
Sr. Louis, April 2.—The elections in the Interior cities of this state resulted as follows: Springfield—The republicans elected their city clerk, attorney, and one of the council; the democrats the remainder of the city

ticket and three councilmen.

Carthage—The temperance ticket was elected ever the citizens' ticket, with the exception of street commissioner, by 100 to 300 majority.

Concordin—The republicans elected four councilmen and a city marshal.

Lexington—One democrat was elected and one republican as members of the school

Glasgow.—There were no party lines in the election. R. B. Coples was elected mayor over A. B. Southworth, who has held the office eight years. The remainder of the Coples ticket was also elected.

Moxico.—The whole democratic ticket was elected.

Sedalis—The city ticket was equally di-vided, the democrats electing the mayor and the republicans three of the aldermen.

Lebanon-The license ticket, with one ex-

Lebanon—The license ticket, with one exception, was elected.
Laplata—The republican and prohibition ticket elected.
Independence—There were no party lines.
A. J. Liddell, the present incumbent, was reelected chief of police.
Marshall—The whole democratic ticket

elected.

The towns in southern Illinois so far reported show that the elections were generally conducted on purely local issues, temperance cutting the chief figure.

PITTSBURG, PA., April 2.—The bolt of the Blaine men from the fourth district legislative convention last evening is the topic of conversation to-day. The understanding is that the delegates to Chicago will be sent from the twenty-second congressional district in opposition to C. L. Magee and ex-Representative Flinn.

sentative Flinn. WILKES-BARRE, PA., April 2.—Delegates to the state convention, representing seven legislative and two sensional districts of the twelfth congressional district, met here this afternoon and unanimously elected Daniel Edwards, of Kingston, a well-known coal operator, as presidential elector, with in-structions for Blaine and Lincoln, and Gen.

E. S. Oaborn as congressman-at-large. Judge, Jessup, of Montrose, was elected delegate-at-large to the national convention.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., April 2.—The Lycoming county republican convention was held here to-day, and elected delegates to the state convention.

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MINNEAPOLIS, April 2.—Estimates from MINNEAPOLIS, April 2.—Estimates from precincts not yet reported added to the complete returns from sixteen out of the twenty precincts give Pillsbury (rep.) for mayor a plurality of 5,000, being a republican gain of 7,000 over the election two years ago. The republicans also elect all their aldermen and their entire ticket.

Chicago, Ill., April 2.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Springfield, Ill., says: "At the city election yesterday the issue was made upon the high license question, all the democratic caudidates except one being saloon keepers. The republicans elected four and

keepers. The republicans elected four and possibly five aldermen out of seven. Ordi-narily the democrats carry five of the seven

MANCHESTER, N. H., April 2 .- The green

back state convention will be held in Man-chester on Sept. 1.

San Francisco, April 2.—Judge Field writes from Washington to ex-Gov. Johnson that he is not and does not wish to be con-sidered a presidential candidate. sidered a presidential candidate.

PARIS, April 2.—Ex-Gov. Thomas A. Hen-

dricks, who is now in this city, has been interviewed respecting the Cincinnati riots. He thinks the citizens of Cincinnati will soon come to regret the events which led to the burning of their court house. He does not believe any organized effort exists to establish vigilance committees in the great cities of the United States. He is of the opinion that it is a sonsible thing for the democratic factions to compromise their differences with respect to protection and free

trade.

Providence, April 2.—A large vote was polled at the state election to-day, notwithstanding that a severe snow and rain storm provailed all day. The opposition to the republican ticket for the general state offices did not develop strength, and the present incumbents were re-elected by increased majorities. In this city, on the local issue of support of the plan for improved railway terminal facilities, a fusion ticket for the assembly, including five democrats, was elected by majorities averaging 2,000. Branston was carried by the republicans for the ston was carried by the republicans for the first time in twenty years, and in Johnston, where a citizens' movement defeated the re-publicans a year ago, a republican senator and representative are returned by 100 ma

jority. Col. Amasa Sprague (dem.) is elected senator from Warwick. In East Providece, where the contest was very close, E. C. Dabokode (dem.) was elected

The legislature will stand: Senate, 27 re-publicans and 9 democrats; house, 57 repub-licans and 15 democrats; a republican less of 1 in the senate and a republican gain of 4 in the house.

The town meeting in North Providence

The town meeting in North Trophysics adjourned without completing an election.
The following is the vote for governor, with one district lacking: Bourn (rep.), 15,827;
Segar (dem.), 9,545; scattering, 15.
Philadelphia, April 2.—At a meeting of

PRILADELPRIA, April 2.—At a meeting of the Americus club this evening the following resolution was unanmiously adopted: Besolved, That the Americus club of Philadel-phia present to the democracy of this country the name of the Hon. Samuel J. Eandail for the presi-dency, and request the democratic state conven-tion, which meets at Allentown on Wednesday next, to select a delegation pledged to give their cordial, earnest, and active support at Chicago for his nomination.

Kansas, City, Mo., April 2.—Republicans of this district selected delegates to the Chi-cago convention, but no presidential prefer-

cago convention, but no presidential preference was expressed.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 2.—The republican convention of the second assembly district of Mouroe to-night reconsidered its action of last evening, and elected the following delegates to the state convention: C. R. Parsons, H. H. Edgerton, H. J. Hetzel, F. C. Lauer, P. P. Dickenson, G. W. Aldridge, and C. E. Fitch. C. Lauer, P. P. and C. E. Fitch.

Osman Digna Assuming the Offensive SUAKIN, April 2 .- Osman Digna is actively esuming the offensive, now that the British forces have withdrawn. He is attempting to out off the friendly tribes about Handoub and Tamanieb from water. The Sheik Mahmoud Ali is opposing him. It is likely that the difficulty will result in a battle. difficulty will result in a battle

Admiral Hewett has started for Massowah en route for Abyssinia. Letters received from Massowah report

chief Bilamba, who stated to Maj. Haggard that the governor of Massowah had seized his (Bilamba's) family as hostages. Bilamba therefore rebelled against King John, and threatened to burn Massowah unless his family were restored to him.

Fillibusters Left for Cuba. KEY WEST, FLA., April 2.-Gen. Aguero, with about a dozen men, is said to have cleared out last night about 11 o'clock. A small twenty-ton schooner is missing, which they stole or bought. The Spanish consul declares that he was near the beach and saw them go aboard. He says he then went to a revenue cutter and requested that she should chase the schooner, and was told that the cutter would leave in pursuit at 5 o'clock. He also visited both war vessels here, and was told that they had no boats ready. The revenue cutter Dix went in pursuit of the schooner this morning.

The revenue cutter Gen, Dix, after cruising all day in pursuit of the fibustering schooner, returned this evening. Nothing was seen of Aguero. While the party may have proceeded direct to Cuba on its own account, the most probable theory and the one generally entertained is that Aguero had arranged to first join some other and larger force which would have escaped from some point on the guif. cleared out last night about 11 o'clock. A

some point on the gulf.

Ownership of \$1,000,000 of Bonds Settled. New York, April 2.—In the United States district court to-day Judge Brown gave a decision as to the ownership of certain Mexican bonds of the alleged value of \$1,000,000. The bonds were printed by the Manhattan Engraving company for Mr. Woodhouse, the Engraving company for Mr. Woodhouse, the fiscal agent of the Mexicau government, who had advanced to the latter large sums of money. After the bank-ruptcy of the engraving company their effects, including these bonds, were seized by the sheriff and afterward turned over to the federal authorities. Mr. Woodhouse subsequently died, leaving by his will all interest in the bonds to his widow. The bonds were subsequently transferred to a Mr. McBreed for \$21,000, who in turn gave them over to Mr. Hliss. The court decides that Bliss is the legal owner, and that he must, on fulfilling certain conditions, cancel and destroy the bonds.

Changes in Base Ball Rules.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 2 .- At a meeting of the American association umpires held here to-day it was decided to change paragraph eight of rule forty-eight, so as to assess from \$5 to \$10 upon pitchers for striking a batsman solidly with a ball instead of giving the batsman a base. Paragraph five of rule fifty was changed, so as to force a batsman to run after three strikes, a fair hit, or seven balls, in order to make a double play in such cases possible. All the other rules remain unchanged.

A Bogus Missionary Arrested. New London, Conn., April 2,-Rev. Wm.

A. T. Smith, who claims to be an African missionary soliciting money for a home for aged woman in Senegambia, was arrested to-day charged with being an impostor. He has recommendations from John B. Gough, Joseph Cook and other well known men, obtained, it is alleged, by fraud. He claims to have been a slave and that he bought his freedom at the outbreak of the war, and has been a mis-sionary for eighteen years. He collected a large sum of money in this city.

Old Men-of-War to be Reappraised. Boston, April 2 .- A special board of inpection and appraisal of condemned vessels in the navy arrived at the navy yard to-day to reappraise for sale the old Pennsylvania and Oregon.

Commander Coffin on His Way Here. San Francisco, April 2.-Commander Coffin, of the United States navy, left here this afternoon for Washington to assume command of the Alert, of the Greely relief expedition.

A Hard Road to Travel.

A prominent member of the ways and means committee of the democratic household of faith said last night that he regarded the question of tariff legislation at the present session of congress as finally and conclusively disposed of. He thought that it would be hard now to muster a majority of the ways and means committee in support of the Morrison bill. While he was decidedly in favor of a revision of the present tariff schedules, he believed that the very policy for the democratic majority in the house was to promptly dispose of the several approprito promptly dispose of the several appropri-ation bills and then to adjourn sine die at the earliest possible mement. Said he: "If we go on the way we have begun we will have a hard time to carry even Mississippi for the democratic nominee. If the session lasts much longer we'll elect the republican nominee cock sure." nominee cock sure."

The Vindicator of French. The board appointed by the postmaster general to investigate charges against C. Jay French, superintendent of the railway mail

service for the fifth division, with headquarters at Cincinnati, have made their report, The charges against Mr. French were favoritism, injustice to subordinates, discrimina tion against union soldiers, and dishonesty in connection with the weighing of mails. The specific and material charges were answered by Mr. French, supported by official records and documentary evidence, and the commission find that they are fairly met and completely refuted. From the testimony, which showed that the system of management was the same as in other divisions, the board decided that the charges had no just foundation, and that Mr. French is a just, competent, and honest official, entitled to the support of superior

officers and the respect of subordinates

A woman named Minnie Ford who was locked up in the fifth precinct station last night for being drunk and disorderly, attempted to commit suicide by tying a handkerchief around her throat. Her gasps at-tracted the attention of the officers, who succeeded in restoring consciousness. She de-clared that if not released she would kill herself before morning, and it required con stant watchfulness on the part of the officers to prevent her carrying out her threat.

Filibusters in Florida.

The Spanish consul at Key West has informed Secretary Folger that a filibustering expedition to Cuba has been formed there by Aguerro, who had collected 100 men around him and sailed for Cuba in a schooner. film and salied for Cube in a schooner. Or-ders were immediately given the revenue cutters Gov. Dix and George S. Boutwell to prevent the same, and by this it is probable that they are in pursuit of the fillbusterers. Two special agents were sent to Florida to look into the matter.

The United States vs. the City of Alexandrin.

In the United States circuit court in the ease of the United States vs. the city cauncil of Alexandria and the Alexandria Canal company, heard in that city yesterday, a stipula-tion of counsel was filed for a hearing on April 24. It is a motion for decree for mone consideration for 1,220 shares of the canal stock. After hearing testimony in the White Hall Gold mine case the court adjourned till to-day.

The Rossini Choral Society.

"Pauline; or. The Belle of Saratoga," a bright and spirited two-act operatta, will be en route for Abyssinia.

Letters received from Massowah report for the benefit of the Union Veteran Corps,

Lat Maj. Haggard had met the Abyssinian Capt, Thomason. LACKING-A BACKBONE.

The Democratic House Majority, Afraid to Face the Music, Propose a Scheme for a Transparent Backdown.

A printed circular, which is signed "Many Democrats," and which is understood to have been prepared by democratic representatives who are dissatisfied with the action of the recent caucus on the Morrison bill, was sent by mail yesterday to every democratic mem-

per of the house.

The circular, which calls itself "An address to the democratic members of the house of representatives," begins by reciting the pro-ceeding of the cancus, and is, in substance, ceeding of the caucus, and is, in substance, an argument in favor of reconsideration of the caucus action. It threatens that the minority, who voted against the caucus resolutions, "will defeat the passage of any tariff bill at this session, unless it be such a bill as will commend itself to their approval and the approval of their constituents;" reviews at considerable length the questions at issue between the two factions of the party issue between the two factions of the party,

and concludes as follows:

"The demand of the present moment is that the democracy declare its policy—not by division into factions and futile effort to pass 'a' bill, but by decisive, unequivocal, unanimous expression. We call for another caucus, and offer the following suggestion for a resolution to be adopted thereat:

lation to be adopted thereat:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the democratic party of the house of representatives that at the earliest practicable moment the national royon use should be reduced to the necessities of the government, economically administered; that it is unjust and undemocratic to key unnecessary taxes, resulting in a large and dangerous unrulus in the treasury; that the present customs duries as levied by the republican party be rearranged, and the aggregate revenue reduced, so that the burden of taxation may be brought to the lowest possible limit, and be more equitably distributed; and that internal taxes be reduced, as soon as practicable, in such manner as the democratic party in congress may hereafter agree upon.

Resolved, That the bill reported favorably to the house by the chairman of the ways and means committee shall be recommitted to that committee, with instructions to report back, before the tenth day of January hax, a bill reducing the revenues by abridgement of both customs and internal taxes to the actual necessities of the government.

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Internal taxes to the actual necessities of the government.

Resolved, That these resolutions express the sentiment of the democratic party of this house, which hereby piedges itself to a reduction of the taxes which now burden the people, and to an equivable readjustment thereof, so as to encourage protective industries at home, and afford just compensation to labor, but not to create or foster monopolies.

THE VETERAN CADETS' FAIR.

How the Voting Stood on Different Ar-

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THE POTOMAC BOAT CLUB.

Election of Officers and Statement of the

their boat house, at the foot of Thirty-first street. Over eighty members were in attendance. The following officers were elected: S. E. Wheatley, president; A. H. Herr, vice president; Col. Frank Jones, treas-P. Schmidt, secretary; John P. Schmidt, secretary; Charles urer; O. P. Schmidt, secretary; John H. Doyle, financial secretary; Charles G. Warden, captain; Walter Doxon, first lieutenant; A. D. Whittington, second first lieutenant; A. D. whittington, second Brst Beutenant; A. D. Whittington, second lieutenant; committee on membership, T. C. Trescott, Ernest May, and J. D. Walsh; financial committee, B. L. Blackford, M. K. Page, and J. D. Walsh; electing committee, T. C. Trescott, Ernest May, and W. R. King; boat house committee, Thomas Muntz, T. C. Trescott, and James Davis, Nine active members were elected.

After the meeting, President Wheatley,

After the meeting President Wheatley gave an elegant dinner to the club at the Morgan house. There are now sixty-seven boats of all kinds in the boat house. The club has 180 active members, 100 honorary members, ten life members, and one lady The financial condition is reported to be in a healthy state.

A TERRIBLE MISTAKE.

Shooting a Colored Woman Through the Lungs With an Unloaded Shotgun.

"Didn't know it was loaded," in the case of shotgun yesterday afternoon, will probably woman named Rose Hammond, 23 years of age. Charles Payton called to see Rose at her nome, 224 Thirteenth street southeast, and after a short conversation the pair began to dance and sing in a good natured after ashion. Payton picked up the gun and play fully pointed it at the woman. Almost immediately there was a loud report as the wespon was discharged. The entire load entered her right breast, inflicting a terrible wound. Dr. C. M. Rains attended the injured woman, and she was afterward re-moved to the Washington Asylum hospital in the police ambulance. Payton is held at the Capitol hill station on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill.

The Columbias.

The Columbia Boat club met last night at their rooms at 1423 New York avenue. Routine business only was transacted. Several new members were elected. The action of the presidents of the three best clubs in re-gard to disposition of the cups for the regatta was ratified. The committee reported a plan for having club races every two weeks during the coming season.

postmasters for the next fiscal year has begun at the postoffice department. The salaries of 2.405 presidential postmasters will be adjusted on the returns for the quarter ended. March 31 last, the adjustment to take effect July 1.

Attended a Ball in Bultimore. About twenty members of the Argo Literary club went over to Baltimore last night to attend a ball given by the Monticello club,

Senator Blair Confident.

Senator Blair is confident that the educaion bill will be passed by the senate, and he thinks by a two-thirds majority.

The Weather.

Clearing weather, preceded in northern partions by light more, brisk and high northwesterly winds, higher barmuster, slight full, followed by slight rise in temper-

WATER FOR WASHINGTON.

How the Public Gets Material for Domestic Use and Fire Extinguishing.

Description of the Present Works and the Extensions Under Way.

Catting a Tunnel for a Water Course Through Four Miles of Solid Rock.

A Magnificent Scheme for Watering the Capital for Thousands of Years,

The recent publication of the memorial of the citizens' suffrage committee has awakened interest in the work now going on for an extension of the water supply of the city of Washington. There is an abundance of adverse criticism of the present work and of the plans proposed for further extension. Some of the criticisms prove either that the engineers who have charge of the work are absolute fools or that the critics do not know what they are criticising. An attempt to discover which of these conclusions was correct made known the fact that there was nowhere published an intelligible expla-nation of the present water-works system and proposed extension. Careful study of the engineer commissioner's reports for the last half dozen years resulted in a general idea of the plan, but frequent changes from year to year make information thus acquired uncertain.

Cipt. Hoxie, the assistant to the engineer commissioner, in whose department the water supply of the city comes, and Licut. Sy-monds, who has immediate charge of the improvements now being made, very courte-ously furnished to a reporter of The Rep., LICAN such supplementary information as was necessary to a comprehension of the plan.

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Most people know, but some do not, that all the water used in the cities of Washington and Georgatown, amounting to 24,000,000 gallons a day, comes from the Fotomac river and is taken from that stream above Great Falls, eighteen miles above Washington. For the first eleven miles of that distance the ticles at the Close Last Night.

At the Veteran Cadets' fair last evening, at Masonic tomple, a large crowd was in attendance. The Washington Continentals attended in a body, about fifty strong. A great many sales were made from the different tables. The voting at the close for the leading candidates stood as follows: Sword for cadet Heutenant—William Farquar, Sons of Veterans, 9. Eadge for any militiaman—Sergt. Skinner, 7; J. C. Knight, S. Diamond earrings for lady assistant—Mrs. G. S. Boudinet, 10; Miss Lilian Cluss, 44. Badge for Veteran Cadet—W. S. Sayers, 20; John M. Long, 10. Diamond ring (for lady assistant)—Mrs. M. B. Upperman, 4; Mrs. J. H. Jochum, 3. Silver pitcher—Senator J. A. Logan, 10; Prof. J. H. Vermillion, S. Elk badge—3 complimentary votes to Capt. Hammer, who is not a candidate; Dr. H. Leach, 21; H. H. Smith, 19. Young man's cane—J. I. C. Jacobson, 15. Bisique doll—Dollie Willmot, 23; Marie Leitch, 84. Wax doll—Ida Jacobson, 9. Civil suit for Union Veteran cadet—E. B. Collins, 20. Hansom whip—F. J. Esselman, 10. Silver set—Mrs. J. closed tank at the Washington and From this latter tank three pipes—twelve, thirty, and thirty-six inches in diameter—are the mains through which the water is distributed in this city. One of the pipes carries water for the lower sections of the city, another to the high grounds, and the third to the inter-mediate sections. Through smaller pipes at-tacked to these mains the water reaches con-

tached to these mains the water to sumers all over the city.

The above, together with pumping works in Georgetown erected for the purpose of supplying the very highest portions of the city, constitute the old water-works system of the two cities and all that is now in use. It Club's Condition.

The Potomac Boat club met last night at the two cities and all that is now in use. It dates from the year 1853, when the construction of the conduit from Great Falls was begun under the management of Gen. M. C.

> At the point above Great Falls where the conduit begins there is an island in the middle of the river. In order to get a sufficient middle of the river. In order to get a sufficient volume and head of water a dam was thrown across the river from the Maryland bank to this island, but the channel on the Virginia side is still free. The level of the water above this dam is 148 feet higher than the level of the water in the river opposite the city at the average high tide. Coming from Great Falls to the distribution reserved. tributing reservoir the water falls two feet, and, therefore, in the reservoir is but 148 feet above the level of the water in the river at Washington. This head of 146 feet is the at Washington. This head of 146 feet is the only pressure used to drive the water through the pipes and tothe upper stories of the high buildings on the hills of Washington. Except for the friction of the pipes the water would naturally rise in the city to the same level as that in the distributing reservoir, and this would be sufficient for the highest building in the city. The friction, however, and still more the continual drawing off from the mains into the smaller pipes for the from the mains into the smaller pipes for the lower levels so decreases the head that the higher buildings are not supplied. It has, therefore, teen found necessary to divert the pumping works in Georgetown from their legitimate use in supplying the heights of that city, and use their power to supply water for the heights of Washington.

water for the heights of Washington.
When sufficient pressure may be obtained, by a proper system of communications with the great body of water at 148 feet clevation at Great Falls, it is considered by the engineers to be an extravagant waste of money to use expensive steam power for that purpose. Moreover, the system in use is capable of furnishing but little more than the smooth of the state of the sta the amount actually necessary at the present time, and with the rapid growth of the city must seen prove insufficient Moved by these two considerations, Caps. Hoxie, in his report to congress for 1879, outlined the plan for the extension now being made and esti-mated the cost of it. A number of changes have since been made, but the general plan is the same as that that orders are

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The first requisite was a new reservoir,
intended, except in case of failure of the old
reservoir, to furnish water for the high
grounds of Washington alone. It must be
near enough to the city so that no friction
through long lines of pipes should destroy
the head or pressure before the water reaches
the consumers. This reservoir is now
being constructed in the valley just
north of the city and cast of
Howard university. It will cover thirty-five
acres, and hold about 300,000,000 gallons. It teadjustment of Postmasters' Salaries is to be filled from the old reservoir through a tunnel four miles long, cut in the solid sostmasters for the next fiscal year has begun rock. This tunnel is the difficult and interesting part of the work. It is to run in a straight line from the old reser-voir, one mile west of Georgetown, to the new reservoir between Howard unito the new reservoir between Howard university and the Solders' home. It is to be seven and a half feet in height by cleven feet in width, and its general form is rectangular. Its level is to be raised or lowered at it is found necessary in order to carry it through solid rock. The general inclination, however, will be downward from the old reservoir to the new, as the rock dips from senth to north. The nearest point to the services is north. The nearest point to the surface is under the bed of Rack creek, where the Bear of the tunnel is sixty feet below the valley. At the new reservoir the tunnel will be about 150 feet below the surface, and at some points along the route, under the hills, it will be 250 feet below the surface. The engineers calculate that in traveling from the old reservoir to the new the loss of Yesterday's thermometer—7a. m., 45,9°, 11 a. m., 41,9°; maximum, \$7.0°; minimum, \$1.0°; precipitassunk to the level of the tunnel, one at tion, 38,